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Sen. Dodd Attacks Welcome for Tito

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Washington, Oct. 16 — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) told the Senate today that President Kennedy is making "a terrible mistake" in welcoming Marshal Josip Tito, communist dictator of Yugoslavia, to the White House tomorrow.

Tito, who has been touring Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, and Mexico, arrived at Langley air force base, Va. at 4 p. m. today, and left immediately for nearby Williamsburg.

Security precautions were noticeably tighter than in the case of other heads of state who spent their first nights in this country in Williamsburg. Air force police guarded the plane at the flight line and state troopers guarded the restored home where Tito, his wife, and his official party will spend the night.

Tito will fly by helicopter tomorrow to confer with President Kennedy, returning to Williamsburg late in the afternoon. He will leave Friday morning for San Francisco.

Not Friend of Freedom

"Do not make no mistake about it," Dodd told the Senate, as members sat in silence.

"The man we shall be receiving is a friend of freedom and no friend of the United States. He is a sworn enemy of everything we stand for."

"He is an evil man who comes to us with bloody hands and beguiling double-talk. The invitation to him flies in the face of the administration's grim commitment to resist the encroachments of communism in Viet Nam, in the middle east, in Latin America, and in other areas. It undermines and, in part, controverts that policy of firmness."

Hitler Never Invited

"One day, I hope, the American government will realize how much harm, political and moral, is done by these distasteful state visits of communist dictators to our shores."

Dodd said he felt conscience bound to speak out against the visit, "who may be the only one to do so."

ment" for the Yugoslav president.

Before World War II involved the United States, Dodd recalled, this nation maintained uneasy diplomatic relations with fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, "but no self-respecting American, either liberal or conservative, would have ventured to propose that we invite Hitler or Mussolini as honored guests."

"These invitations lend respectability to men who have butchered and imprisoned scores of thousands of their own countrymen, who are committed to the subversion of the free world," he said.

Cites Support of Nikita

"We are told that Tito is a different kind of Communist," Dodd said. "I challenge the validity of this argument on every point. The differences between Tito and [Russian Premier Nikita] Khrushchev are altogether minor. On fundamentals, they are united. Tito is the man who defended Khrushchev's suppression of the Hungarian revolution and gave his unconditional support to the Soviet Union in the Cuban crisis."

"Some day, I hope, we will return to the maxim that it is best to deal with tyrants at a distance and to shun official invitations and the conviviality of social functions because, whether we will it or not, these inevitably imply acceptance or approbation of their regimes."